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City Supports State Legislation On Mansions, Police Bonuses

by Barbara Hopkins

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on February 13, council looked with favor at three bills before the state legislature this term – one concerning building regulations to control the size of new housing in existing neighborhoods, one concerning bonuses for police officers and a third permitting municipalities to purchase and operate street lights.

House Bill PG/MC 106 would add structural dimensions and lot coverage to the features for which a municipality in Montgomery County may adopt stricter building regulations than those of the county itself. An amendment to the bill in process would expand its application as well to Prince George's County.

According to city staff, the Prince George's County Municipal Association considers this bill an attempt to control the building of mansions in existing single-family neighborhoods. The association supports the bill with the proposed amendment.

Police Bonuses

Council considered a bill that would establish a special fund for sign-on and retention bonuses for county police officers. The bill would increase by one percent the Homestead Property Tax Cap to raise money for the special fund.

Delegate Justin Ross introduced the bill and then proposed amendments that would share 50 percent of the revenue generated within a municipality with that municipality if it has its own police department. Half the money in the special fund would be used for sign-on bonuses and half for retention. Municipalities would control how shared funds could be used within their departments.

Assistant City Manager David Moran expressed concern about the bill's chances for success. Achieving equity in pay within a police department would be difficult, he said, in that newer hires would receive bonuses not available to seasoned officers. The bill mandates a county tax increase, which may also make passage difficult, he said. Still, staff recommended council support for the bill and its amendments.

Street Lights

The Town of Kensington has requested Greenbelt's support for Senate Bill 296 that would permit municipalities to purchase and operate street lights from the local electric company. Kensington officials believe its passage would save money for municipalities.

Moran said city staff had not yet researched the fiscal effect of this bill on Greenbelt but information supplied by Kensington Councilmember Al Carr declared that the town of Lexington, Mass., expects operation of its street light system to be less than $300,000 annually, a savings of more than $200,000 compared to what it had paid the local utility.

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Local Potters Create Works Of Art for "Empty Bowls"

by Virginia Beauchamp

For the second year in a row, members of Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. and pottery students who work out of the Community Center will sponsor an Empty Bowls project as a fundraiser for Help-by-Phone, which provides funds for eight Prince George's County food pantries.

In preparation for the event, which will take place at the Community Church on Saturday, March 11 from 4 to 7 p.m., local potters are creating dozens of individual bowls in many different colors and shapes. Some are wheel-thrown, some hand-built, some have a decorative edge or design and all are glazed and stamped with the Empty Bowls logo. Last year participant potters made altogether something over 230 bowls.

Each attendee who arrives for the simple meal of soup and bread on March 11 may then choose from among this wide array of bowls for one to take home. With help from Community Church members, the supper last year, which offered a wide variety of soups to choose from, also included salads, desserts and coffee.

Empty Bowls is a project of the Imagine/Render Group, a nonprofit organization that seeks "to create positive and lasting social change through the arts, education and projects that build community." Last year's event, considered a great success, raised over $3,600 for the charity.

Advance tickets will be available

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George Mathews and Glen Ivey Discuss Police Work with Dems

by James Giese

Crime was the topic of presentation by this year's "Sweethearts" to the Greenbelt Democratic Club. Each February the club selects a career city employee and a Democratic elected official as Sweethearts, giving each selectee an opportunity to talk about his or her work. This year Master Police Officer George Mathews and Prince George's County State's Attorney Glen Ivey were chosen. They spoke at the club's February 17 meeting.

President Pat Unger introduced Mathews, a nearly 20-year member of the Greenbelt Police Department. He is now serving as its Crime Prevention Officer and Community Relations Officer. She noted that Mathews would go to a resident's home or to any meeting to which he might be invited in order to help residents take precautions to protect themselves against crime. Unger noted that he was also the person seen on television speaking for the department about any crime incident.

Mathews said he felt fortunate to be able to talk to the people that he's been working for in Greenbelt. He called Greenbelt a very caring community and took note of the city's many citizen committees.

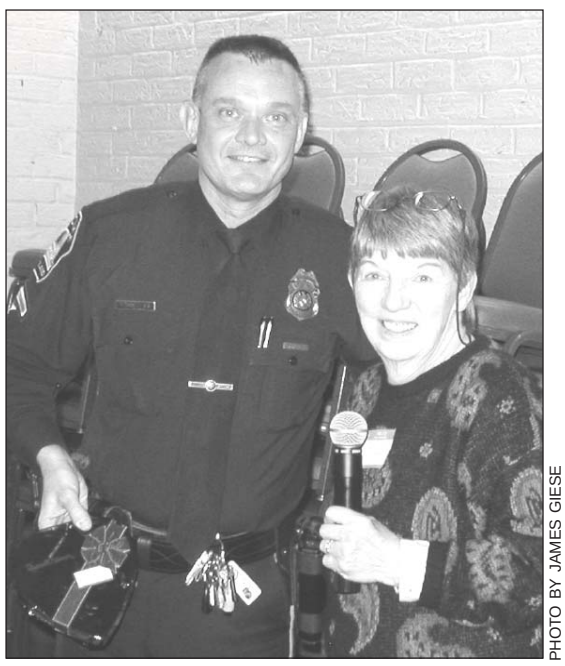


PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

MPO George Mathews, this year's Greenbelt Democratic Club city employee "Sweetheart," receives from club president Pat Unger the traditional box of candy after his February 17 talk to the group.

Class 1 Crimes, the most serious, have dropped more than two percent in 2005 as compared with 2004, he told the group. He particularly noted the significant drop in stolen vehicles over the past five years: down from 435 in 2001 to 296 in 2005. That trend is continuing with only 12 thefts reported this year for an annual rate of 87.

He attributed the decline to luck, a change in crime activities and the use of anti-theft devices. Mathews is able to make group purchases of steering wheel locking devices at a greatly reduced price. He has been able to get a number of employers and community groups to make combined purchases of more than 25 devices and urged those interested to contact him.

Mathews noted the disturbing increase in Class 1 crimes against

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What Goes On

Monday, February 27
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)
Thursday, March 2
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with GEAC (Stakeholder) Hunting Ridge
7:30 p.m., Public Hearing, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Community Center (Gallery Room, Room 112)

Council Approves Changes Sought by Advisory Boards

by Barbara Hopkins

The Policy and Information Guide for Recognition and Contribution Groups and associated application materials were amended on February 12 by the Greenbelt City Council, acting on the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). The two boards had reviewed the materials and policy in anticipation of the budget process for Fiscal Year 2007.

The changes clarify that political and religious organizations are not eligible for consideration as contribution or recognition groups. The guide defines political organizations as those with a mission that includes the effort "to affect law or public policy at the local, county, state or federal level."

Religious organizations are defined as groups "having both an affiliation with a religious organization or tradition and a mission which includes proselytizing activities and/or the facilitation of worship practices."

Historically, religious or political groups have not been considered as contribution or recognition groups; nevertheless, after reviewing the application materials and policies, AAB and PRAB recommended that this fact be explicitly stated in the associated written materials.

Eligible organizations may petition the city for support during each budget cycle. That support can be financial or in the form of access to city venues and services. While discussing

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Late Bulletin

The public review period for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Intercounty Connector has been extended from February 27 to March 23 according to Federal Highway Administration spokesperson Stephanie Roth. A notice will appear in the federal register.

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Letters

THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on February 21 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Friday, April 28 from noon to 6 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment if you have not been contacted by the Red Cross. Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments.

Janet Goldberg,
Recreation Coordinator

Thanks Greenbelt

I would like to thank the city of Greenbelt for the replacement of the plaque for Justine Shoop.

The mayor, city manager and Public Works Department were wonderful and very understanding.

This is what many of Justine's friends and family wanted me to relate to the city staff. Many heartfelt thanks.

Rick Calhoun

THANKS

My husband Robert and I want to thank the two young men who came to our rescue last Thursday, February 16. We were walking toward the underpass leading to Roosevelt Center at about 8 a.m. when we slipped on some ice. Robert was knocked unconscious and while I was wondering what to do two young men rushed up to help. None of us was carrying a cell phone, so when Robert was able to walk, they helped him back to our house. I was then able to drive him to the emergency room.

I neglected to get their names but I want them to know how much their assistance on that cold, cold morning warmed my heart.

Sylvia J. Lewis

P.S. Robert has recovered but is sporting some spectacularly colorful bruises!

Puppet Performance Rescheduled Mar. 4

The Black Cherry Puppet Theatre free performance of "Billy Goats Gruff-kin" on February 12 was snowed out. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 4. The show is ideal for youngsters ages 3 to 8. The show is at 3 p.m. at the Old Parish House (4711 Knox Road at the corner of Dartmouth Avenue in College Park).

The performance features lavishly designed puppets performing a classic Scandinavian story as interpreted by Michael T. Lamason. It also uses a sound track by the performance art group "Laughing Tree."

Advance registration is appreciated. For more information contact the College Park Arts Exchange at 301-927-3013 or by email at info@cpae.org.

Correction

In last week's obituary for David L. Evans, gremlins were at work turning Evans' recognized, well-known trade of printer into "painter" somewhere in the editing process. He might have laughed but we're embarrassed. The News Review regrets the error.

GROUPS

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the recommended changes, Mayor Judith Davis said that political or religious activity may not be central to an approved organization's mission, yet approved groups may occasionally engage in activities of a political or religious nature.

The revised materials indicate that approved groups would not be eligible for city funding or for free use of city facilities for even occasional political or religious activities. City facilities may be rented for such use.

The information guide now contains language expecting groups to uphold Greenbelt's Community Pledge, which says: "The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched. We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe and fair for all people."

City Manager Michael McLaughlin explained that a requirement for groups to provide a financial report from a certified public accountant has been removed because of the expense involved for groups to comply. The revised policy gives the city the option to require such a report but does not mandate it from all groups. In addition, new applicants for contribution/recognition group status will now be required to send a representative to meet with the advisory board that reviews the group's application.

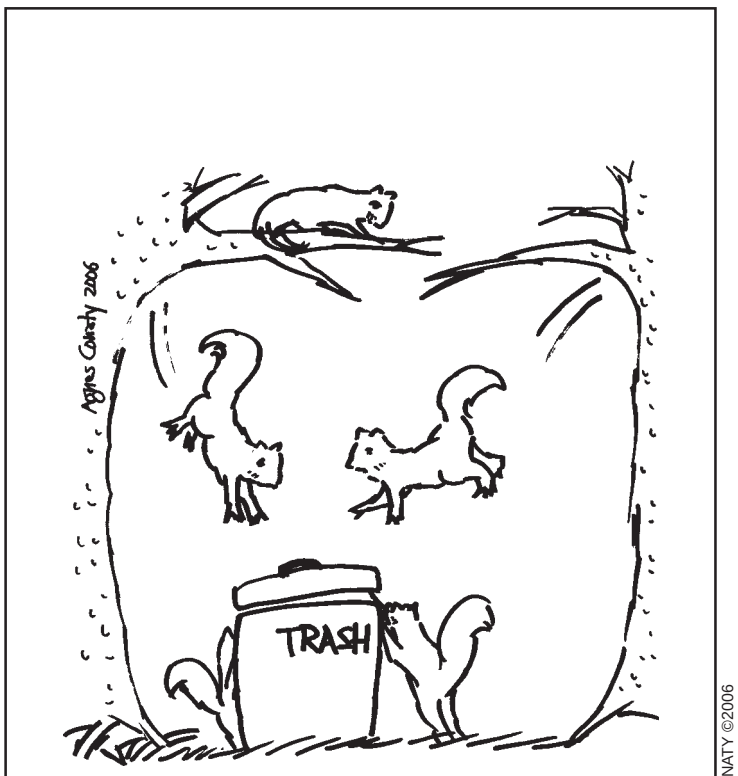
The revised policy and application papers will be distributed to requesting groups for the FY 2007 budget cycle.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2008, ext. 4125 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 3 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup with crackers, bar-b-que pork on a bun, cole slaw, chopped greens, frosted cupcake.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey/potato casserole, lima beans, tossed salad, purple plums.

Wednesday – Apple juice, meatballs with curry gravy, wide egg noodles, Italian green beans, fresh banana.

Thursday – Cream of celery soup with crackers, chicken with gravy, black-eyed peas, seasoned carrots, sliced peaches and pears.

Friday – Orange juice, baked wild salmon with creamy dill sauce, macaroni and cheese, chopped spinach, fresh red apple.

Mamas and Papas Meet Wednesday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Babies, preschoolers and their parents are invited to a play group where the kids play and the adults swap parenting tips, tricks and support. The group meets at the Greenbelt Youth Center in the Multi-Purpose Room at 99 Centerway. For more information call Tina Clarke at 301-474-9522 or send an email to tina_clarke@comcast.net.

Explorations Hosts Baluch IANDS Talk

Explorations Unlimited will again host a presentation by Greenbelter Fred Baluch. On Friday, March 3 Baluch will share information and stories he gathered from participating in the International Association of Near Death Studies (IANDS) conference last September. He found very interesting the experiences and stories of the over 200 people who attended and he will share information from the conference.

Baluch is a retired elementary educator, a member of IANDS and has been published in their newsletter "Vital Signs."

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Pops Concert Offered By Choral Society

The Prince George's Choral society, under the direction of Ron Freeman, will present a Pop concert on Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 6905 Greenbelt Road. The concert of Broadway music will be followed by a reception and dessert.

GEAC Meets

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. at Hunting Ridge Condominiums on Hanover Parkway.

At the Library

Tuesday, February 28, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Help Park Control Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area located near the entrance of the park. This program will repeat the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing and work gloves; bring a lunch/snack. This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park website at http://www.nps.gov/gree.

Greenbelt CARES

Conflict-management and decision-making groups have begun at Springhill Lake Elementary and will continue for seven weeks. The groups will be facilitated by School Psychologist Laura Mercer and MSW Intern Jamie Wilson.

Explore Still Creek From Greenbelt Park

Discover Still Creek and its watershed on Saturday, March 4 at 9 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area of Greenbelt Park.

Wear boots and appropriate clothing to walk through woods and along a creek.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park websie at http://www.nps.gov/gree.

Genealogical Group Meets March 1

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) meets on Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library lower level. Steve Davidson will speak on research in the DAR Library.

Check www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs for additional PGCGS information. The society meets the first Wednesday of each month except January, July and August in the Greenbelt Library. All meetings feature a free genealogy related presentation. All are welcome.

For more information contact Kent Kwiatkowski at 301-474-2427 or kentk@erols.com.

GHI Notes

Meetings are scheduled for the period March 6-16.

March 7 – Member & Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

March 8 – Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

March 8 – Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m., Lunch Room

March 9 – Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

March 14 – SDP Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

March 16 – Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

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Contact Chuck Hatcher (474-0638) for Advance Tickets.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

March's Artful Afternoon To Feature Latin America



Cantaré will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The Artful Afternoon program on Sunday, March 5 at the Community Center will offer participants a musical tour of Latin America. In addition to other offerings, a free, family-friendly concert will take place at 3 p.m. featuring musical duo Cantaré. Artists Patricia Vergara of Brazil and Cecilia Esquivel of Argentina draw audiences into the fusion that results when diverse traditions come together. The duo shares music shaped by Latin America, Europe and Africa with jazz, reggae and indigenous influences.

Cecilia Esquivel, originally of Ecuador, trained in both music and social work, has a perspective on bringing musical influences and traditions to reach diverse people with a rich melding of culture. Vergara, who trained as a classical pianist since age 7, was raised in Brazil and Bolivia and has been teaching and performing worldwide. The artists comment, "through music we can learn about the many things that different people have in common with each other, how we interrelate and how we can make beautiful music when we learn from each other. Through a song we can relate to people from other countries, get to know them better, learn about their customs and traditions and even about their geography, flora and fauna."

Concert-goers are encouraged to arrive early at the Community Center and join Artist-in-residence Ellyn Weiss for a surrealist drawing activity from 1 to 3 p.m. Weiss says, "I believe that the best art, like music, speaks directly to the heart without mediation or explanation."

The Community Center Art Gallery will be displaying the new exhibition "Lifelines: Photography by Lynn Silverman," which is on view from February 25 through April 7. Silverman, a faculty member at the Maryland Institute College of Art, offers a series of meditations on the origin and transmission of energy and light. Daily Art Gallery hours are: 9 a.m. through 9:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sundays, whenever the room is not reserved (to confirm access call 301-397-2208).

Artful Afternoon participants can also visit working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays created at previous Artful Afternoons, see the "Living the Healthy Life" exhibit by the Greenbelt Museum and take a guided tour of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road. These activities will continue from 1 to 5 p.m.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. Artful Afternoons offer activities for families and people of all ages and offer an introduction to many of the programs and classes available through the city's Recreation Department.

For more information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

GREENBELT BASEBALL

Registration for New Players

Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, Feb. 25 and Mar. 4

10 a.m. to noon

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(5-6 year olds)

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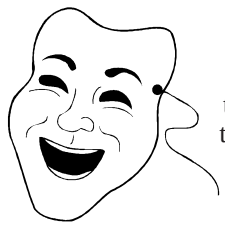
Sat., March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon

at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

A Review

Doctor / Playwright / Actor Debuts Off-Broadway

by Elizabeth Jordan



James Jordan, son of Stuart and Elizabeth Jordan of Lakeside Drive, was the author, producer and actor of a one-man, multi-media production held throughout January in an off-Broadway theater near Times Square. His play, "CJD," was based on Cruetzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a neuro-degenerative condition similar to Mad Cow Disease. "CJD" was part of NEUROfest, a festival of avant-garde plays relating to neurological disorders.

James, a neurologist in his second year of residency at Case Western Hospital in Cleveland, also holds an undergraduate degree in dramatic writing from New York University. In addition to entertaining his rapt audience during the 90-minute performance, Jordan had three clear objectives: to pay homage to Mr. Small (pseudonym), one of his patients who died of CJD; to ridicule the ignorance, superstition and greed that impede scientific and medical progress around the world; and to educate the audience about CJD and other Prion diseases that afflict humans and animals.

Tracing these diseases and their treatment through history, Dr. Jordan graphically described their effects, which include involuntary jerking of the muscles, an unsteady wobbly gait, a pronounced startle reflex, heightened apprehension and a growing dementia as the brain turns quickly into a malfunctioning spongy mass. There is no known treatment. Prion diseases are always fatal.

Jordan chose "Performance Art" as the vehicle for his production. Performance Art is an individualistic, often unstructured theatrical genre that may employ many means of creative expression, including narration, unexpected actions, sights, sounds and bizarre props to convey the author's intent.

Wearing a crisp white lab coat, Dr. Jordan was at times a calm, compassionate physician demonstrating the medical procedures he had performed on his patient. At other times he was an impersonator who changed hats as he moved frenetically around a stage that consisted of a piano, a drum stand supporting a pair of bongo drums, a stark-white model of a human head that rose on a pole behind the piano, a blacked human skull stuck on a staff surrounded by a primitive grass skirt, an Indian chief's horned-buffalo headdress, an executioner's mask, a magician's top hat, party noisemakers, a revolver and various other props.

Film from a projector was continually displayed on a screen at the back of the stage. Images of serious scientific studies were mixed with cartoons and symbols of pop culture familiar to everyone: vampires, hangmen, cannibals, ads from pharmaceutical companies, etc. Jordan's performance suggested that a physician often experiences helplessness and anger when confronted with the tragi-comic human condition.

As an image of the troubled Beethoven appeared on the screen, Jordan, a pianist, played a Beethoven piece on the piano. And he played a piece he had composed himself to illustrate another scene.

But always throughout the performance, the doctor returned to his intense interaction with his patient. The two men had bonded during Mr. Small's lucid period. They shared a love of baseball and Mr. Small frequently expressed loyalty for his beloved Cleveland Indians. The possibility that the Cleveland Indians had a chance to get into the World Series that particular year was their mutual topic of conversation. Near the end of the play, Dr. Jordan said in a soft voice, "But Mr. Small was dying. And he was a good man." Then he turned to the audience, saying, "Let's all sing one for Mr. Small." And as the lights dimmed, he began playing the piano and singing a joyous rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

James Jordan was born in Greenbelt and attended public schools here.

Obituaries

Robert W. Hurst

Former Councilmember Robert W. Hurst died Wednesday, February 22, 2006. He served two terms on city council from 1953-55 and 1955-57. He also served as mayor pro tem during part of his second term.

The city flag has been lowered at the family's request until Monday, February 27.

A small family service was held today. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Enjoy Pancake Supper At Community Church

Greenbelt Community Church will have its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. The supper will be held in the Social Hall of the church (located at Crescent and Hillside Roads) and will feature pancakes, sausage, baked apples, beverages and a good time.

A traditional feast before Lent, a Shrove ("to confess") Tuesday dinner reminds people of the essential sweetness of life even as they prepare to face life's shadows. The supper is open to the public. There is no charge but all free-will offerings will help to support the church's "Help By Phone" program which runs eight food pantries, a clothing bank and provides prescription medicines and transportation to medical appointments in Prince George's County. Call 301-474-6171 for more information.

Widowed Persons Support Group Meets

Attention widowed persons! The next series of six mutual support group sessions will start on Friday, March 3. The group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, 5820 Riverdale Road in Riverdale. The free program is open to widowed men and women of all ages, races and creeds. Both emotional support and practical information are provided.

For registration call either Leonie Penney on 301-441-8942 or Kathleen McFarland on 301-474-6892.

Memorial Service For Terri Gates

A memorial service for Terri Gates will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi on Sunday, March 12 at 3 p.m.

Anyone in need of a ride may call Lu Price at 301-441-2545 and leave a message.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to:

Nyssa Jean Cummings of Northway, who has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester at Goucher College, near Baltimore, where she is currently a sophomore.

Matthew R. Miller, a Northeastern University student majoring in human resource management, who was named to the university Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm
Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am
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GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)
Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service

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Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/ Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: **301-474-6171** mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
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301-474-4322
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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

Catholic Community of Greenbelt
MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

What is Islam?
Who is Muhammad? Part 1
Muhammad (570-623 AD), peace be upon him, is not worshipped by any Muslim, nor is he the "founder" of Islam. He was the last of a series of prophets, which began with Adam and included Noah, Abraham, David, Moses, Jesus and many others, peace be upon them all, who were sent by God to guide humanity.
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301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

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10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass
An inclusive congregation!

COUNCIL
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The Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to support each of these three state bills.

City Ordinances

Council introduced two new ordinances that would streamline the city's budget and accounting processes. One ordinance would close the Temporary Disability and Unemployment Compensation Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2006. If the ordinance is adopted, transactions now accounted for in these funds will be shown in the non-departmental account of the General Fund beginning in Fical Year 2007.

According to materials prepared on the subject by Moran, the change will streamline accounting methods without jeopardizing "the quality of the city's financial records." The change will have no effect on payment of temporary disability and unemployment compensation benefits provided to eligible city employees.

A second ordinance introduced would simplify purchases of less than $1,000 by allowing them to be made at the departmental level instead of by written purchase order. Currently the upper threshold for departmental purchases is $500. Purchases must still be within the budget appropriation and approved by a department head.

Both ordinances will come before council on February 27 for second reading and adoption.

Truck Repair

Council also introduced for first reading a resolution for repair of the hydraulic arm on the city's aerial lift truck by RMS of Westminster. This repair, already done, has extended the life of the truck, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin. The resolution is necessary because the repair, which involved replacement of all hydraulic hoses in the boom and repair of the emergency letdown system, exceeded $10,000 by $382.

Street Repair

While money from the city budget and from a Community Development Block Grant has been allocated for road work on Breezewood Drive and parts of Ridge Road, these amounts will not cover the full cost of the projects. The city depends on contributions as well from the state through Highway User Funds and other sources.

However, McLaughlin explained that state officials have backed off this year from the offer of such support saying the funds are just not available. He encouraged council to approve the award of purchase for $330,000 to NZI Construction Corporation of Beltsville for the work.

If the questioned state support does fall through, he said, the city would need to scale back projects for 2007 to cover the insufficiency. Council agreed to this arrangement.

Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens asked that staff distribute flyers throughout involved neighborhoods prior to the onset of concrete work so that home-owners could undertake their own contracts with NZI, if they so desire. This could enable homeowners to accomplish concrete work on their property at a reduced rate, since the contractor would be in the area working anyway.

City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting - Municipal Building
February 27, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Chesapeake Bay Partner Community Award
- Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department – Presentation of Equipment by Greenbelt Rotary

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*** Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by ***** will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

Closing of Unemployment Compensation Reserve and Temporary Disability Reserve Funds

A. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Repealing Section 2-26, "Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund" (2nd Reading, Adoption)
B. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Repealing Section 2-28, "Temporary Disability Reserve Fund" (2nd Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Sections 2-41 and 2-42 for the Purpose of Increasing the Maximum Threshold for Minor Purchases (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution of Negotiated Purchase for the Repair of the Hydraulic Arm on the Bucket Truck by RMS of Westminster, Maryland (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of a Two-Ton Truck Chassis (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Crossing – Detailed Site Plan
- Metro Access Drive/Cherrywood Lane Roundabout – Presentation on Design
- Greenbelt Station Development Agreement – Approval of Schedule for Funding Commitments
- Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. – Contract for Design Services for Greenhill/Hillside Outfall and Stream Stabilization Study
- State Legislation
- *Request for Waiver of Facility Fees

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

4th Annual ACE Reading Club
Youth Writing Contest

Open to students in grades 6-12 who live in or attend school in Greenbelt, Maryland
Poetry and Short Fiction Entries Accepted
Cash Prizes!
THEME: Adversity and Crisis
DEADLINE: Friday, March 3, 2006
Entries should be sent to:
Liz Murray, ACE Reading Club, City of Greenbelt-CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
For rules and entry forms: Call 301-345-6660 or email lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

SPRING SESSION-MARCH 6-APRIL 29
OPEN REGISTRATION: UNTIL CLASSES ARE FILLED
Register at the Aquatic & Fitness Center between 6:00am and 10:00pm.
For a schedule of classes visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.
For more information call 301-397-2204

Meetings for February 27-March 3

Monday, February 27, 8:00pm, **Regular Council Meeting,** Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Thursday, March 2, 7:30pm, **Council Work Session with GEAC (stakeholder)** at Hunting Ridge.

Thursday, March 2, 7:30pm, **Public Hearing, Greenbelt Board of Appeals,** Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112, Senior Gallery/Conference.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2006, at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Gallery Room, Room 112), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Robert Luu for consideration of a request for two variances on premises located at 6612 Springcrest Drive. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach 11 feet into the required rear yard setback and to exceed the required lot coverage by 4.12% for the purpose of constructing a sunroom on the existing deck to the rear of the home.

For more information: Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Advisory Committee on Trees
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
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EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2006 T-SHIRT
(Please limit design to 4 colors)
Submit your original design by 12 noon Friday, March 10th
Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland... or bring it in to this address and place in drop box.

Greenbelt will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-12noon. The T-shirts will be given out to all who participate in the Earth Day Event. This contest is open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

The winner of the contest will receive a $100.00 gift certificate to REI

For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.

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persons, up by 40 percent. He said residents need to be aware of what is around them. "If something doesn't look right, turn around, go away and call the police," he said. He noted that homicides did not appear to be on the rise, however, with an average of less than two a year.

The time spent by officers patrolling on bicycle has increased by nine percent.

Certification

Mathews said that the Police Department is working very hard to become certified, something that has been accomplished by only a small number of police jurisdictions. The certification is done by the Committee on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), with 438 criteria required. In May the department will go through a preliminary three-day assessment by CALEA. MPO Carl Schinner is in charge of the certification program, ongoing for three years.

Mathews announced that the officers of the police department are getting old. Within five years, 40 percent of the uniformed personnel will be eligible for retirement, which will present a challenge to the city. A fierce competition exists now to recruit new officers among other departments and Homeland Security as well.

Mathews is one of two officers teaching the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) program in elementary schools. He works at Springhill Lake. He loves working in the elementary schools, he said.

He wants to reach out to as many kids as possible and carries with him little badges to pass out to kids. He gave out one at Wendy's recently, he said, while getting something to eat and was soon surrounded by a group of kids wanting their own badges.

For the culmination of the D.A.R.E. program, the participants are asked to write essays. Kids with the best essays were taken bowling at Jillians at Arundel Mills. Capitol Cadillac provided the department with two Hummers to transport them. Mathews was as pleased to get to drive one as the kids were to ride in them.

Keith Chernikoff asked about the department's approach to drug trafficking. "We have a low tolerance," Mathews responded. The officers aggressively enforce the laws against illegal drug use. "We will lock up persons for possession or for having drug paraphernalia," he said. The department has an undercover narcotics officer who looks very different from other officers, he said. He works to get intelligence to investigate a case.

When asked, Mathews noted that over half of the city's crimes occur in Greenbelt West, the area west of Kenilworth Avenue and south of the Beltway including the Springhill Lake apartments, Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Metro Station. He said the biggest problem was with young people committing crimes there.

With the expected replacement of the Springhill Lake apartments with new mostly luxury buildings and the development of Greenbelt Station at the Metro Station, he expects an amazing change in the area, including an increase in the size of the department by five or six officers.

In response to another question, Mathews said that Greenbelt used to be free of gangs, but that he couldn't be sure of that now. "You don't have to go far down the street [away from Greenbelt] to see gang activity," he said.

Glen Ivey

The second honoree, State's Attorney Glen Ivey, picked up on analyzing the crime situation from where Mathews left off. He said that one of the challenges is that people are getting drugs and guns at a younger age. "It used to be that kids got into fist fights," he said. "Now they are shot or killed."

Ivey deals with homicide cases resulting from simple insults. In one case, the killing resulted because a person was called a "clown."

"There are too many guns, too many people losing their tempers over trivial things," he said.

Ivey announced that "If it's illegal and you're carrying a gun, I ask the judge for another year of sentence." He is trying to get gang members to stop carrying guns. He is really pushing the prevention side of dealing with crime, he said. "It's better to stop it from happening than to prosecute for doing it."

Providing kids with positive role models is the key, he said. He told how Juan Dixon, who grew up in a dysfunctional family in Baltimore, had been able to become a Maryland basketball player because of the wonderful support system for good athletes.

The same is needed for kids who do not have athletic skills and who go to schools such as Forest Heights, he pointed out, where only eight students made the honor roll and only two were boys. "We need to give the same level of support to kids if they are academically inclined as if they are athletically inclined.

Unfortunately, for too many youths, he pointed out, the support system they find is with gangs such as MS13 and Crips. "If you're not an athlete and Latino, MS13 will come after you. They set the standard. Once you've been beaten for initiation, they are there to help each other. There is active gang recruitment across the county," he said.

Not much is offered as an alternative to gangs, Ivey said. He is trying to get the churches involved and to offer weekday programs for youths.

"We accept excuses for poor students that we wouldn't accept for those participating in athletics. At schools, the percentage of kids in food programs is not an excuse for fielding poor sport teams. However, he said, it is used to explain why the school does not do well academically. "We need to return to a push for excellence," he said.

Incarceration is another problem area, Ivey said. He criticized the lack of effort on planning for prisoner reentry into society. Too much is being spent on building nice facilities for prisoners, not enough on training them to return productively to society. He said that for prisoners trained to be prison barbers, there is only a two percent recidivism rate upon their leaving prison.

Unger presented a heart-shaped box of candy to each sweetheart as a token of appreciation after each talk.

GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT

2005 Crime Statistics by Sector

(Class 1 Offenses)

Type Offense	Sector 1 Greenbelt Center	Sector 2 Springhill Lake	Sector 3 Greenbelt East	Sector 4 Beltway Plaza	Greenbelt Metro Station
Murder	1	1	0	0	0
Rape	2	7	2	0	0
Robbery	6	83	36	13	1
Aggravated Assault	13	44	27	2	0
Breaking and Entering	25	73	21	7	0
Larceny	162	203	235	208	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	137	101	21	4
Total	**242**	**548**	**422**	**251**	**6**
Percent of All Crimes	**16.5%**	**37.3%**	**28.7%**	**17.1%**	**0.4%**

GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR END CRIME STATISTICS

(Class I Offenses)

Type Offense	2005	2004	05 vs 04 % +/-	2001	05 vs 01 % +/-
Crimes Against Persons					
Murder	2	3	-33.3	0	n.a.
Rape	11	9	22.2	9	22.2
Robbery	139	105	32.4	76	82.9
Aggravated Assaults	86	53	62.3	61	41.0
Total	**238**	**170**	**40.0**	**146**	**63.0**
Crimes Against Property					
Breaking and Entering	126	151	-16.6	179	-29.6
Larceny	809	800	1.1	950	-14.8
Motor Vehicle Thefts	296	392	-24.5	435	-32.0
Total	**1231**	**1343**	**-8.3**	**1564**	**-21.3**
Total Class I Crimes	**1469**	**1513**	**-2.9**	**1710**	**-14.1**

Open Workshop On Orchids

What type of potting medium do orchids prefer? How large a container should they be in? At what stage of growth should they be repotted?

Clive Atyeo, an expert gardener for the U.S. Botanic Garden orchid collection, will present a workshop on orchids. Atyeo will demonstrate orchid repotting and answer questions about orchid culture.

This event will take place on Friday, March 3 from noon to 2 p.m. in the conservatory jungle. No preregistration is required for this free program.

Hospice Info Day For Volunteers

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Prince George's County Volunteer Information Day will be held Saturday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Landover office. The office is located at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. To RSVP or for more information call Julie Medlin, volunteer coordinator at 301-499-4500.

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in Room 305, the ceramic studio in the Community Center, on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Since last year's event was a sell-out, the sponsoring group strongly recommends purchasing tickets in advance. Having a known headcount is also crucial for those preparing food for the event.

For ticket information contact Marsha Voigt at 301-345-7631. Voigt, a Greenbelt resident, is one of several hundred volunteers with Help-by-Phone, where she serves on the board of directors.

Besides providing emergency food, the group sponsors two homeless shelters, which rotate among volunteer churches where they provide meals and bedding for cots, which are provided by Help-by-Phone. The organization receives no funds from Prince George's County.

Volunteer churches engaged in the project maintain food pantries, largely through donations of food and money from Help-by-Phone. Clients calling Help-by-Phone are directed to a food pantry, the location determined jointly by the Help-by-Phone volunteer and the client, depending on the client's resources and location.

In order to serve as many people as possible, clients are limited as to how often per year they may receive emergency food.

Pruning Basics Workshop Offered

Late winter to early spring is the best time of year to prune many plants in temperate landscapes. Join Gardener Shaun Abell of the U.S. Botanic Garden for a discussion of pruning techniques. This workshop will take place on Friday, March 3 in the Botanic Garden Conservatory Classroom from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This event is free but pre-registration is required.

For more information and/or to register call 202-225-8333.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

February 16, 9:42 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a food delivery person reported that he had finished making a delivery and was walking back to his vehicle when he was approached by 5 or 6 youths who attempted to rob him. One of them was armed with a wooden stick and struck the delivery person in the head; the youths then fled the scene. Two resident youths were located in the area and questioned in reference to the incident. The delivery person declined treatment for a cut to his head. Investigation is continuing.

Handgun Arrest

February 12, 9:05 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun and possession of marijuana. Police observed him enter the restaurant and ask to be seated, then detected the odor of marijuana coming from him as he walked back out to his vehicle. Police again detected the odor of marijuana coming from the man when he re-entered the restaurant. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and was arrested. Police observed the barrel of a .9mm semiautomatic handgun in plain view sticking out of the center console in the suspect's parked vehicle. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

February 16, 12:18 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School, two resident youths were arrested for second degree assault after they were involved in a fight inside the school. Both were released to the school pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrests

February 10, 5:56 p.m., Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. A computer check revealed that the woman had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department and a suspended license. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. She was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

February 11, 8:34 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police responded to a report of a person possibly smoking marijuana in the stairwell of a condominium building. The man was located in the stairwell area and found at his feet was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 14, 3:37 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and driving an uninsured vehicle after being stopped for a traffic violation. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Theft

February 16, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, a man reported that he observed two men attempting to steal his car, damaging the door lock and the ignition in the process. The men fled the scene in a vehicle described as a Green Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags HAS282, which had been reported stolen a day earlier (see vehicle crimes). The suspects are described as two young black males, both 5'10". One weighed 130 pounds and had short black hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion, wearing a white shirt. The second weighed 190 pounds with a stocky build, black hair, brown eyes and a light complexion.

Disorderly Conduct

February 10, 11:40 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The man was observed engaged in a verbal argument with another patron at the restaurant. He refused orders from police to leave the establishment and then threw a drinking glass toward the other patron. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 11, 11:39 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. He was observed urinating in the area of the Co-op Supermarket, in view of several people. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

February 14, 2:20 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespassing on school grounds after he was located inside the school. He was not enrolled at the school and was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

February 16, 7:05 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after police responded to a report of a suspicious person loitering in front of an apartment building. The man was located and investigation revealed that he had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

February 11, 2:11 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door lock. Entry was not gained, but the doorknob assembly was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported stolen: a blue and gold 1996 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags 6BNG35 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a green 1999 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags HAS282 and a 1997 Ford Taurus 4-door both from the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive.

Five stolen vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police with no arrests and two by outside police departments with an arrest in one recovery.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Emily's Way, 46 Court Ridge Road, 42 Court Ridge Road, 39 Court Ridge Road, Gardenway and Crescent Road, Crescent Road and Eastway, unit block Crescent Road, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Court and 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents).

The Department is offering a reward of up to $500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Free Jazz Concert By T. S. Monk

On Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. T. S. Monk will offer a free concert at Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. With the release of the newly discovered recording "Thelonious Monk Quartet with John Coltrane at Carnegie Hall," T. S. Monk presents an evening of his father's music. T. S. Monk's trio allows the music of the "High Priest of Bebop" to live again with humor, seriousness, sensitivity and virtuosity.

Clarinetist Performs At Smith Center

On Thursday, March 2 at 8 p.m. the UM School of Music presents Esther Lamneck, clarinet. Lamneck, a visiting professor from New York University will perform a concert of music for clarinet, violin and piano with works that have been written especially for her and her trio, including music by UM faculty composers Robert Gibson and Lawrence Moss. This free concert will take place in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Workshop for Youth On African Cities

On Saturday, February 25 the National Museum of African Art will present "African Cities – The Future," a workshop in which children can help build a model of a fantasy city after viewing the work of Congolese artist Bodys Isek Kingelez in the museum's exhibition "African Art Now." Each participant's contribution will be represented in the model, which the museum will put on display for one month. The workshop will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

ERHS Student Designs New Logo for Police Car

by Cathryn Simon and Miki Haber, ERHS Students

Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Dillon Powell designed the new logo that is on the front hood of School Resource Officer MPO John Rogers' police car.

Last year in Computer Graphics 2, Powell used high-end drawing software to create the new Roosevelt Raider logo (the school's mascot) as a joke, to show his friends that he could do it. "I didn't really like the current logo and I was bored," says Powell when asked why he decided to create it.

The new Raider logo is on the Eleanor Roosevelt website and on the new student identification cards. "I feel proud of myself," says Powell when asked how he feels whenever he sees his logo around the school.

About the same time the Greenbelt Police Department wanted to create a unique design that would reflect the relationship between the school and the police department. Rogers said that "the department decided it would be neat for students to design the logo." School Resource Officer Marty Parker turned to Linda Cunningham, the graphic design teacher at the school. She in turn put Parker in contact with 17-year-old Powell. His design was displayed at the front of the school for everyone to see. When Rogers first asked, Powell was not sure he wanted to accept the job because he did not think he was up to it. After a few days, he decided to accept. Powell's design includes the bust of the "Roosevelt Raider" mascot, with a large "R" for Raider in the school colors adorning almost the entire hood. He also created an "Eleanor Roosevelt High School Resource Unit" decal for both the left and right rear quarter panels.

Powell also designed the logo for "Suessical the Musical," the website for the football team and is currently working on a design for the football team jerseys.



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School Resource Officer MPO John Rogers, left, and Eleanor Roosevelt student Dillon Powell are pictured with the newly designed Roosevelt Resource Officer's police cruiser. Powell designed the logos for the vehicle.

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Schools in the News

PGC Schools Survey Nutrition, Wellness

Prince George's County School Board member Abby Crowley reported that efforts are underway to develop a School Wellness Policy.

There is a widespread recognition that childhood obesity is reaching epidemic proportions and that building healthy eating and physical activity habits is important to the long-term health of the nation. The U.S. Congress enacted legislation last year mandating that all school systems develop comprehensive student health and wellness policies to be implemented no later than the first day of the 2006-2007 school year.

"The Board's Instruction and Accountability Committee, which I chair, has taken on the leadership for this effort, in conjunction with the Prince George's County Student Health Council, a multidisciplinary body made up of professionals and stakeholders," said Crowley, a Greenbelt resident. "The federal government has given school boards guidance on what the policy can include but we need the public's help in designing a policy that will best fit the needs of our students.

"To this end, we are asking students, parents, school system staff and members of the community to take a few minutes to go on-line and complete a survey indicating your preferences and opinions regarding health education, foods served at school and physical education," Crowley said.

In early spring the draft policy will be presented to the full board and posted on the website. There will be opportunity for public comment at a board worksession prior to final board approval. In addition, the board is working with student and parent groups to fully engage the community in development of a policy that will have long-term impact on the health of children.

School wellness policies include goals for nutrition education and physical activity, school-based activities designed to promote student wellness and nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on each school campus.

The Prince George's County Public School system invites parents of children in the system and all stakeholders to give their opinion about issues to include in a School Wellness Policy through a web survey sponsored by the Board of Education and the Prince George's County School Health Council. Responses are anonymous and confidential.

Visit http://schools.pgcps.org/wellness/selectsurvey.htm and select the Parent Survey, Student Survey or the Community/PGCPS Staff Survey.

Those who do not have ready access to the internet can contact a local public school or library for assistance in completing the survey.

Written comments regarding the nutrition and wellness program in the Prince George's County schools may be sent to Daniel Townsend, director of Student Nutrition Services, Department of Food and Nutrition, 13300 Old Marlboro Pike, Room 8, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772.

School Board Invites the Public

On Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. the Prince George's County Board of Education Legislative Committee will meet to discuss proposed legislation to benefit school system funding as well as other legislative initiatives and reforms. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation. For more information call Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6308.

On Thursday, March 2 at 7:05 p.m. the Board will meet for a worksession. The topic will be "Teacher Certification Options." Interested persons may speak for a maximum of two minutes and must register with the Board Office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting. For more information call Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6308.

The Board will hold its Business Roundtable, Partnerships and Communications Committee meeting on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. This committee focuses on increasing business and community partnerships in the school system. The public is invited to observe; however, there will be no public participation. For more information call Jackie Brown at 301-952-6116.

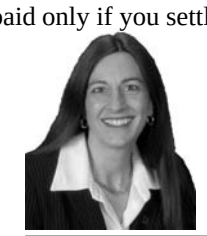
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FY07 Education Budget Set at $1.5 Billion

A $1.5 billion operating budget request approved by the Prince George's County Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2007 would expand pre-kindergarten, increase special education and provide additional personnel and resources to better prepare students for critical state assessment exams.

Emphasizing the need to continue funding programs that have raised student achievement over the last two years, the Board of Education submission to the County Executive provides a 9.3 percent increase in funds over Fiscal Year 2006. The Maryland High School Assessment is a major point of emphasis as the school system seeks to help students meet new graduation requirements. For two years in a row Prince George's County elementary and middle school students have made significant gains in their reading and mathematics scores on the Maryland assessment.

The budget development process included three public forums in October and November to receive public input on budget priorities. The Board of Education held three public hearings in January and public work sessions on the budget in January and February. Additionally, the school system surveyed public opinion on its website.

The County Executive will consider the Board's budget request along with other county services in developing his proposed FY 07 budget for Prince George's County, which must be presented to the County Council by March 31. The County Council will hold public hearings and work sessions on the County Executive's proposal in April and May before adopting a budget for the county by June 1. The Board of Education will meet in June to reconcile its FY 07 budget request with amounts approved by the County Council and adopt a final budget by June 30, submitting any related transfers to the County Council for approval in June or July.

The FY 07 proposed budget includes more than $109.6 million in program improvements. Included is funding for improved performance on Maryland High School Assessments; expansion of pre-kindergarten and early childhood programs; increased compensation for teachers and staff, additional special education teachers and services, guidance counselors, fine arts, middle and high school teachers, elementary library media specialists and school nurses. There is also funding for new textbooks, library media books and technology refresh; increased summer, evening, Saturday and alternative/extended learning opportunities; English language learners' parent liaisons and specialists; new schools and school instructional resources; mandatory in-school suspension centers in middle and high schools; athletic equipment and uniforms.

Following enactment of the Bridge to Excellence Act, the county school system developed a five-year strategic plan to serve as the organizing document and driving force of the school system. The Quality Schools Program Strategic Plan presents a long-range action plan for improving the achievement of all students; maintaining a safe, orderly and productive environment within all schools; improving management efficiency, effectiveness and accountability; improving business and community partnerships and creating and retaining a quality work force. The strategic plan is available to the public online at www.pgcps.org.

Registration Deadline For ACT Test Nears

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17.

Students can receive registration and fee information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, online test prep and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. Scores are used, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine if a student is academically ready for college-level course work.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test that includes four exams; English, reading, math and science. Students who take the optional writing test will add 30 minutes to the 3-hour normal testing time.

Kennedy Center Concert Rescheduled

The Prince George's County Public Schools Music Enrichment Program concert originally scheduled for Feb. 12 has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 4 at 3 p.m. For tickets, contact the Kennedy Center box office. Tickets purchased for the original concert will be honored on March 4.

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– Photos by David Granite



A Review

Greek Myth Revival Becomes New Musical at Arts Center

by Anne Gardner

The new musical "Perseus and the Gorgon," written and directed by Chris Cherry and performed by a talented group of teenagers, opened at Greenbelt Arts Center on Friday, February 17 to an appreciative audience.

There was much for the whole family to enjoy, with witty dialog and humor delivered very well by the young cast and songs ranging from the clever lyrics of "Off to see the Oracle" and "Here in the Hallowed Hall of Handsome Heroes." These songs and some beautiful lyrical numbers were expertly accompanied by Stefan Brodd on piano and Jeff Morisette on percussion.

A previous version of the musical, the enjoyable "Snakehead and Stoneface," was performed last summer by the Creative Kids Camp as a narrated story with songs. The new version features more songs and dialog to replace the narration and includes costumes and props as well.

While some of the dancing was a little self-conscious and the singing a little weak at first, there was no denying the talent of the young performers and the hard work put into producing the show.

Annie Loutsch displayed a beautiful singing voice as Queen Danaë, Mason Trappio was a charismatic Dactys and the engaging Perseus (Ian Brown-Gorrell) and the Gorgon (Elise Flynn) showed particularly good acting skills. Dayna Burrows and Cody Sanders also did a good job as Queen Cassiopeia and King Acrisius. And the underground rock band of moles is not to be missed!

The story involves two kingdoms and two royal babies: a princess who disappears shortly after birth and a prince who is shipwrecked and raised as a fisherman's son. The Gorgon is a monster so hideous that the mere sight of it turns people to stone and Perseus sets out on a quest to slay it, armed with three magical gifts he must use in unexpected ways in order to succeed.

Cherry shows remarkable talent in keeping the entire audience amused and enthralled, from adults to the youngest child. He manages to take a sometimes grisly tale from Greek mythology and give it a romantic, magical ending, leaving the audience humming "Life is Beautiful" as they head home after the show.

Other performances will be presented on February 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. For tickets call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Science Center Seeks Nominees for Award

The Maryland Science Center is seeking nominations for "Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS)," its annual recognition and celebration of the extraordinary scientific contributions of a Maryland resident under the age of 35. Nominations are due March 1, 2006. Forms and details are available online at http://www.marylandsciencecenter.org/community.

The OYS award includes a cash prize of $2,500 and the Allan C. Davis Medal.

The OYS program is managed in conjunction with the Maryland Science Center's Scientific Council, the 50-member advisory group providing expertise and content review to the institution. Members of the Scientific Council will select the winner.

Past recipients of the award include 1982 winner William D. Phillips, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1997 for his work at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and 1995 OYS winner Jeremy Berg, currently the head of the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences at the National Institute of Health. Other OYS award winners are presently working at such prominent institutions as Goddard Space Flight Center, National Bureau of Standards and University of Maryland.

The award has not been made in the past few years and is being reinstated in 2006 as part of the events marking the 30th anniversary of the Maryland Science Center's location in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

UM Wind Ensemble Performs at UM

On Sunday, February 26 at 3 p.m. the UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble will present a free Concert in Dekelboum Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is a performance by the premier wind group of the UM Bands program under the baton of new Conductor-in-residence Timothy Foley.

City Notes

Planning staff discussed redevelopment of Greenway Village Apartments with an attorney for a contract purchaser and assisted Greenbelt Lake Village in permit processing for reconstruction of a fire-damaged building.

Recreation advertising for summer camp staff is ongoing. Staff has revised/updated camp hours to include after-care for all camps until 6 p.m. this summer. Information is posted online and will be in the upcoming spring 2006 brochure.

Recreation staff met with Planning and Zoning to discuss recreational needs for the new development in Greenbelt West.

The Community Center experienced fire extinguisher vandalism in the same basement area as last week. While damage was not as extensive as last week, it was still time-consuming to clean. Staff is researching several options to prevent access to stairwells. Unfortunately, no one witnessed the incident.

There is an urgent need for blood.

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City Information

Public Financing Assistance – Tax Incremental Financing

This article is the fifth in a series to ensure that Greenbelt residents are aware of the development and redevelopment proposals being considered for Greenbelt West. Greenbelt West is that area of the city west of Kenilworth Avenue, east of the Metrorail tracks and between the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Road.

This week's article is about the use of public financing assistance and in particular, tax increment financing.

In the discussions related to the proposed development at Greenbelt Station and the redevelopment of Springhill Lake, the city was asked whether it would be willing to provide financial assistance to make the proposals a reality. In both cases, the discussions have centered on the use of tax increment financing or TIF. Public financial assistance on large scale developments is not an uncommon practice nationwide and has been done before in Greenbelt. Sometimes, assistance is offered in exchange for concessions on a project. Other times, it serves as an incentive to generate interest in an area that needs redevelopment.

When Greenway Center and the Maryland Trade Center office park were proposed in the 1980s, the City of Greenbelt provided financial assistance for the construction of the public roads to serve the area – Hanover Parkway, Greenway Center Drive and Hanover Drive. The assistance took the form of bonds that were sold by the city and paid off by the property owners. This saved the property owners money because the bonds were municipal bonds making them tax-exempt and providing a lower interest rate than commercial bonds. In exchange, the property owners agreed to annex to the city along with other concessions.

In the early 1990s, the city was seeking to have the original buildings in Roosevelt Center upgraded and the parking lots improved. An agreement was reached with the buildings' owner to again sell tax-exempt municipal bonds that would be paid off by the owner. The proceeds went to upgrading the buildings including the façades and roofs. In exchange, the owner gave the city a façade easement to protect the exterior of the buildings and used a portion of the proceeds to help pay for improving the parking lots which are city owned.

The developers of Greenbelt Station have sought and the city has agreed to provide public financial assistance to construct the public road which will run north and south through the entire property from Greenbelt Road to the Greenbelt Metro Station. As before, the city will sell municipal tax-exempt bonds, but instead of the bonds being paid off by the developer, they will be paid off by taxes generated by the increased value of the property in Greenbelt Station. The increased value, or tax increment, will occur as the property develops and buildings are built. If the increased value is not sufficient to pay the debt on the bonds, the property owners have agreed to allow the city to place a special tax on the property to make up the difference. Existing residents are not responsible for any of these costs. In exchange, the developers gave the city the right to approve the site plans for the Greenbelt Station development, agreed to petition annexation to the city of the South Core area (the old Smith sand and gravel operation) and made numerous other concessions including recreation amenities.

A similar public financial assistance arrangement has been raised by AIMCO, the owners of Springhill Lake, to pay for the rebuilding of the roadway network within Springhill Lake. Discussions are very preliminary at this time. No commitments have been made by the city.

If there are questions about this article, please forward them to the Planning Department at 301-345-5417 or email pcd@greenbeltmd.gov. The next article will describe the impact that these Greenbelt West developments may have on schools.

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Orchid Exhibit at Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden presents an exhibit "Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden" in the Conservatory through April 2. Visitors to the orchid exhibit will journey back to the style and elegance of the 1930s as they enter the Conservatory Garden Court. Here they immerse themselves in a fantasy garden of orchids set among sleek, geometric Art Deco obelisks and other structures that provide the perfect foil for these extravagant flowers.

Wander beyond the Garden Court to learn how a fascination with orchids can be traced through recorded history and talk with representatives from the National Capital Orchid Society about growing orchids at home. Winter into spring, the orchids on exhibit will bloom in a continuous pageant of color, showcasing the diversity and beauty of these fantastic flowers.

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